

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1175

LCO No. 3806

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by: (ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 10-14n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 3 (a) Each student enrolled in the fourth grade in any public school
- 4 shall annually take a state-wide mastery examination. For purposes of 5 this section, a state-wide mastery examination is defined as an
- 6 examination which measures whether or not a student has mastered
- 7 essential grade-level skills in reading, language arts and mathematics.
- 8 The mastery examination shall be provided by and administered
- 9 under the supervision of the State Board of Education.
- 10 (b) Each student enrolled in the sixth grade and each student
- 11 enrolled in the eighth grade in any public school shall annually take a
- 12 state-wide mastery examination. Such mastery examination shall be
- 13 provided by and administered under the supervision of the State
- 14 Board of Education.

- (c) Annually each student enrolled in the [tenth] <u>eleventh</u> grade in any public school or any endowed or incorporated high school or academy approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-34 shall take a state-wide mastery examination. Such mastery examination shall be provided by and administered under the supervision of the State Board of Education.
 - (d) If a student meets or exceeds the state-wide mastery goal level on each component of the state-wide tenth grade mastery examination, certification of such mastery shall be made on the permanent record and the transcript of each such student. Each student who fails to meet the mastery goal level on each component of said mastery examination may annually take or retake each such component at its regular administration until such student scores at or above each such state-wide mastery goal level or such student graduates or reaches age twenty-one.
 - (e) No such public school or endowed or incorporated high school or academy may require achievement of a satisfactory score on the state-wide mastery examination, or any subsequent retest on a component of such examination as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation.
- 35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To change the academic year that students take the CAP test from the sophomore to the junior year.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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